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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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International application No. PCT/EP2004/012488	International filing date (day/month/year) 01/11/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 07/11/2003
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

MULTISTAGE CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSOR AND METHOD FOR ASSEMBLY THE SAME

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 F04D17/12

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 F04D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	FR 2 572 469 A1 (CREUSOT LOIRE) 2 May 1986 (1986-05-02) page 4, lines 17-34 figure 1	1, 3
A	FR 1 306 368 A (DE LAVAL STEAM TURBINE COMPANY) 13 October 1962 (1962-10-13) page 2, paragraph 3 figures 1,4,5	1, 3
A	GB 2 181 785 A (* PROIZVODSTVENNOE OBIEDINENIE "NEVSKY ZAVOD" IMENI V I LENINA) 29 April 1987 (1987-04-29) the whole document	1, 3
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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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